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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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JOINT EMBASSY/AID MESSAGE

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1. AID SPONSORED AFRICAN REGION POPULATION OFFICERS
CONFERENCE OPENED APRIL 16TH AT NYERI, KENYA; FIFTY-SIX
AID/STATE/PRIVATE AGENCY OFFICERS PARTICIPATING, REPRESENTING
WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY MISSION FROM TWENTY-ONE
AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

2. KEYNOTE AND WELCOME ADDRESS PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR
ANTHONY D. MARSHALL, WHO CITED NEED FOR WORLD TO CONTROL ITS
POPULATION GROWTH AND NECESSITY FOR PLANNING:
"AN ENVIRONMENTAL BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE IS REQUIRED
TO PRESERVE WHAT WE'VE GOT AND RECLAIM WHAT WE'VE LOST,
AND WE MUST AT THE SAME TIME SEE THAT MAN DOES NOT SUFFOCATE
UNDER HIS OWN PROCREATION AND STARVE FOR THE LACK OF QUALITY
AND QUANTITY OF NOURISHMENT." AMBASSADOR MARSHALL STATED THE
PROBLEM IS NOT A TECHNICAL ONE AND SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED OR
APPROACHED AS SUCH.

IT IS BASICALLY A SOCIOLOGICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL
PROBLEM. WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE REASONS BEHIND
POPULATION GROWTH: THE MOTIVATIONS, THE INCENTIVES,
TRADITIONS, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS, AND POLITICAL
FACTORS. HE REMINDED PARTICIPANTS OF THE WORLD POPULATION
CONFERENCE (WPC) TO BE HELD IN BUCHAREST NEXT AUGUST, AND HE
HOPED THE CONFEREES WOULD KEEP WPC AGENDA ITEMS IN MIND WHEN
CONSIDERING SPECIFICS OF AFRICA.

3. AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR (PHA) DR. JAROLD KIEFFER,
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IN SETTING OUT GOALS OF NYERI CONFERENCE, EMPHASIZED IT WAS
OPEN MEETING AIMED AT SHARING PERCEPTIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON
AND FIELD PERSONNEL, OF POPULATION/FAMILY PLANNING PROBLEMS
IN AFRICA. HE OUTLINED DIFFICULT CURRENT AID FUNDING SITUATION
FOR POPULATION ASSISTANCE. ALSO EXPLAINED BASIS FOR COMPREHENSIVE
"PRIORITIES" REVIEW UNDERWAY IN PHA/POP, DETAILS OF WHICH
WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE. HE
CITED INCREASING IM-

PORTANCE OF MULTI-DONOR APPROACH TO P/PP ASSISTANCE IN AFRICA AND FORESAW MOUNTING INTEREST IN POPULATION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN AFRICA AS IMPLICATIONS OF RAPID POPULATION GROWTH BECAME MORE APPARENT. MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE (1) EVOLVING BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF RELATIONSHIP OF DEVELOPMENT GOALS TO ONCOMING NUMBERS OF PEOPLE TO BE SERVED; AND (2) EVOLVING SERVICE CAPABILITIES THAT CAN REACH EFFECTIVELY THE MAJORITY OF THEIR POPULATIONS THAT ARE NOT NOW SERVED AT ALL, BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY HAVE HIGHEST MORTALITY RATES, WORST NUTRITION AND HIGHEST FERTILITY. THEY ARE THE KEY TO THE FUTURE STABILITY OF THESE COUNTRIES.

4. DR. R. T. RAVENHOLT, DIRECTOR OF AID OFFICE OF POPULATION, SPOKE ON STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY OF AID POPULATION PROGRAM. HE SAW STRATEGY OF POPULATION GROWTH CONTROL AS DIRECTLY DEPENDENT ON TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE AND REVIEWED METHODS OF FERTILITY CONTROL AND COMMODITIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. HE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR EARLY PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF CONTRACEPTIVES BECAUSE OF LONG LEAD TIMES. LIKEWISE INFORMATION SHOULD BE WIDELY DISSEMINATED. HE STRESSED THAT AFRICAN LEADERS WITH INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE GIVEN FACTS WITH RESPECT TO MOST EFFECTIVE FAMILY PLANNING STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY.

5. MS. MARY FOWLER, PROGRAM REVIEW STAFF, PHA, SUMMARIZED APPLICABLE AID LEGISLATION AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR CONDUCT OF POPULATION PROGRAM.
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